

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1241 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 1241 would require the Texas Lottery Commission to use state funds to protect individual lottery retailers from financial liability for bankruptcy, theft, or the loss of lottery equipment and merchandise. Under current law, the Lottery Commission can use these funds to protect the state's interest. However, House Bill No. 1241 shifts responsibility and would require the state to cover losses of a private entity. Participation in the Texas lottery system is voluntary, and retailers must accept responsibility for protecting and managing the equipment.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

*Rick Perry*  
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RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Gwyn Shea*  
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GWYN SHEA  
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
7:30 PM O'CLOCK

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